

DEMAND XXXII--ANCHAL DEPARTMENT.

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER : Sir, I beg to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 13,200—under demand head “XXXII Anchal Department”, for the conveyance of Anchal mails from Trivandrum to Kottarakara *via* Quilon by a special bus operated by the Transport Department. Till September 1942 the mails from Trivandrum to Shencottah were conveyed in the mail trains Nos. 9 and 10. When these trains were cancelled in September arrangements were made for the conveyance of mails by Express trains. But on account of the early starting and the late arrival of these Express trains great delay was caused in the transport of mails. So Government in consultation with the Anchal Superintendent sanctioned the conveyance of mails from Trivandrum to Kottarakara *via* Quilon by a bus operated by the Transport Department, on a subsidy of Rs. 50 a day tentatively for 3 months. As this scheme has worked well, Government propose to continue the arrangement for the rest of the year. This involves the payment of a sum of Rs. 13,200. I request that the amount may be sanctioned.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP : I oppose the motion. There is regular service from Trivandrum to Kottayam run by the Transport Department. If timings can be adjusted in the very same service, there is no necessity to put up a fresh bus especially for the transport of Anchal articles.

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN : May I know whether all the buses are not overcrowded ?

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP : Certainly. That is not going to occupy greater space than the ordinary space available.

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER : As a very large number of mail bags have to be carried from Trivandrum to Kottarakara, a separate bus for the purpose is absolutely necessary.

The motion was passed and the grant was made.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS.

THE TRAVANCORE REGISTRATION ACT
(AMENDMENT) BILL.

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI : Sir, I rise to present the report of the Select Committee on the Travancore Registration Act Amendment Bill. The only thing that I have to place before the House is that the Select Committee has not made any changes in the Bill. I move that the Bill as reported by the Select Committee be taken into consideration.

MR. A. LAKSHMINARAYANA AYYAR : I second it.

The question that the Bill as reported by the Select Committee be taken into consideration was put and carried.

Clause 1.

The question that clause 1 do form part of the Bill was put and carried.

Clause 1 was added to the Bill.

Clauses 2 to 8.

The question that clauses 2 to 8 do form part of the Bill was put and carried.

Clauses 2 to 8 were added to the Bill.

Preamble and Title.

The question that the preamble and title do form part of the Bill was put and carried.

The preamble and title were added to the Bill

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI: I move that in clause 1 (1) along with "111—" the figure '8' be added.

The motion was put and carried.

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI: I move that in clause 1 sub-clause (3) instead of "on" the words "at once" be added.

The motion was put and carried.

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI: I move that the Bill be passed.

MR. A. LAKSHMINARAYANA AYYAR: I second it.

The motion was put and carried, and the Bill was passed.

THE TRAVANCORE MATERNITY BENEFIT BILL.

PRESIDENT: I find now that a large number of amendments has been given notice of by Mr. Thomas who has been specially nominated for this Bill, and the fixed period of notice has not been given.

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI: It is open to the President to waive that.

PRESIDENT: You have got copies of all these?

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI: What I submit is that this Bill may be taken up for consideration to-morrow, so that members may have copies of the amendments.

The motion that the Bill be taken up for consideration the next day was put to vote and carried.

THE ABKARI ACT (AMENDMENT) BILL.

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI: Sir, I rise to introduce the Abkari Act Amendment Bill for the consideration of this House. The only word I want to say on the matter is that this Bill is intended to penalise attempts to make fit for human consumption spirits which have been denatured. It is found to be essential and it has been enacted in all other parts of India. I move that the Bill be read in the Assembly.